

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A communication apparatus capable of
accommodating a plurality of lines, comprising:
a first communication unit connectable with a
5 first communication line;
a second communication unit connectable with a
second communication line, being capable of reducing
power dissipation on standby; and
detection means for detecting an actuation factor
10 for said second communication unit,
wherein said first communication unit shifts said
second communication unit from the standby state to the
operating state in response to detection to the
actuation factor of said second communication unit by
15 said detection means.

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2. A communication apparatus according to Claim
1, wherein said detection means detects an actuation
factor in response to detection of a call signal from
20 said second communication line.

3. A communication apparatus according to Claim
1, wherein said detection means detects an actuation
factor in response to the key input by a user through
25 an operation unit.

4. A communication apparatus according to Claim

1, further comprising a document sheet reading unit, wherein said detection means detects an actuation factor in response to detection of a document sheet in said document sheet reading unit.

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5. A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a power source and a relay for turning on and off the power supply from the power source to said second communication unit, wherein said first communication unit turns on said relay in response to detection of the actuation factor detected by said detection means.

6. A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a power source for supplying power to said second communication unit, being capable of switching whether or not power is supplied to said second communication unit, wherein said first communication unit enables said power source to start the power supply to said second communication unit in response to detection of the actuation factor by said detection means.

7. A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second communication unit suspends supplying a clock signal to the second communication itself on standby, and starts supplying the clock

signal to the second communication unit itself in response to the actuation signal from said first communication unit.

5 8. A communication apparatus according to Claim
1, wherein said second communication unit is provided
with a power source control unit operating even on
standby, and wherein said second communication unit
suspends supplying power to the second communication
10 unit itself, and starts supplying power to the second
communication unit itself in response to the actuation
signal from said first communication unit.

15 9. A communication apparatus according to Claim
1, further comprising a second detection means for
detecting the actuation factor with respect to said
first communication unit, wherein said first
communication unit is provided with a low power
dissipation control unit operating even on standby, and
20 wherein said first communication unit shifts to the low
power dissipation state on standby, and said low power
dissipation control unit causes said first
communication unit to shift to the operational state in
response to the actuation signal from said second
25 detection means.

10. A communication apparatus capable of

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~~a first communication unit connectable with a first communication line, being capable of reducing the power dissipation on standby;~~

output means for outputting data received by said first communication unit;

storage means for storing data received by said
second communication unit,

wherein when said first communication unit is on standby, said first communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor by said detection means, and outputs the received data to said output means, and on the other hand, when data is received by said second communication unit while said first communication unit is on standby, said second communication unit stores the received data in said storage means and enables said first communication unit to shift from the standby state to the operating state by sending an actuation signal from said second communication unit to said detection means, and said first communication unit outputs the data stored in said storage means to said output means.

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11. A communication apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said second communication unit sends out the actuation signal to said detection means after the completion of data reception.

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12. A communication apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said first communication unit is provided with a memory for storing data received from said storage means, said second communication unit transfers the data in said storage means to the memory of said first communication unit, and said first communication unit outputs the data transferred to the memory to said output means.

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13. A communication apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said output means is a printer.

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14. A communication apparatus according to Claim 10, further comprising second detection means for detecting an actuation factor for said second communication unit, and said second communication unit is capable of reducing the power dissipation on standby, and shifting from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor by said second detection means.

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15. A communication apparatus capable of

accommodating a plurality of lines, comprising:

a first communication unit connectable with a first communication line;

5 a second communication unit connectable with a second communication line, being capable of reducing the power dissipation on standby;

input means for inputting data;

instruction means for instructing the transmission of the input data inputted by said input means; and

10 control means for shifting said second communication unit from the standby state to the operating state in response to the instruction of said instruction means during the communication by said first communication unit, and transmitting data.

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16. A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said input means is a scanner for reading a document sheet.

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